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SUBJ: MEETING OF UN CONSULTANT GROUP ON RESEARCH  
TO INCREASE CODEINE PRODUCTION

1. CONSULTANT GROUP ON UN POPPY RESEARCH PROJECT--MADE  
UP OF QUENTIN JONES (US), ARNOLD NORDHAL (NORWAY, V.S  
RAMANATHAN (INDIA), AND P. TETENYI (HUNGARY)-- MET JULY  
10 THROUGH 12. MORICE (FRANCE) WAS INVITED BUT UNABLE TO  
ATTEND. O. BRAENDEN AND E. LUMSDEN REPRESENTED UN  
NARCOTICS LABORATORY. GROUP WAS WELL BALANCED IN TERMS  
OF BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE, SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES, AND  
GEOGRAPHIC/NATIONAL REPRESENTATION.

2. GROUP INTERPRETED ITS ASSIGNMENT AS BEING THAT OF  
ADVISING UN LABORATORY ON RESEARCH PROGRAM FOR ALLEVIATING  
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PROJECTED SHORTFALLS IN CODEINE SUPPLY WITHOUT

JEOPARDIZING EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS CONTROLS.

3. IN PRIORITY ORDER, GROUP RECOMMENDED FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A. UTILIZATION OF EXISTING STOCKS OF POPPY STRAW, INCISED AND UNINCISED. IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE BY ON-SITE VISITS BY BRAENDEN TO HUNGARY, POLAND, YUGOSLAVIA, INDIA, AND AUSTRALIA. PROCESSORS WILL BE QUERIED AS TO LOWER LIMIT OF FRAGMENTATION OF STRAW FOR HANDLING AND PROCESSING AND LOWEST ACCEPTABLE MORPHINE CONTENT TO BE ECONOMIC. RESEARCHABLE PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED ARE: HARVESTING METHODS, REDUCTION OF BULK AND LOWERING OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS, AND PRESERVATION OF MORPHINE CONTENT.

B. IMPROVING YIELDS OF DESIRED ALKALOIDS FROM OPIUM POPPY. IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE THROUGH SPECIFIC RESEARCH PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES, STARTING WITH AN IMMEDIATE EFFORT TO BRING TOGETHER WORLD COLLECTION OF POPPY STRAINS AND VARIETIES (GERM PLASM). SEED, PROJECTS, AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE SHOULD ALL BE ON LINE FOR INITIATION OF FIELD RESEARCH WORK STARTING FIRST AVAILABLE PLANTING PERIOD, FALL, 1974. LABORATORY AND GREENHOUSE STUDIES CAN BEGIN SOONER.

C. CROP DEVELOPMENT OF PAPAVER BRACTEATUM AS A RAW MATERIAL SOURCE OF CODEINE. THIS RESEARCH IS UNDERWAY AND GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. FOR THIS REASON GROUP ASSIGNED LOWEST PRIORITY TO BRACTEATUM, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT IT IS PROBABLY THE LONGER-TERM SOLUTION TO ASSURING ADEQUATE, SAFE SUPPLIES OF CODEINE.

4. FULL REPORT OF GROUP WILL BE POUCHED WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS. MEANWHILE JONES IS WORKING WITH BRAENDEN AND LUMSDEN ON BREAKING OUT BY SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES AND BACKUP SUPPORT HOW FUNDS WILL BE USED WITHIN A TIME FRAME.

5. QUENTIN JONES IS SATISFIED THAT POPPY RESEARCH PROJECT IS OFF AND RUNNING. ON TIMING, JONES AND BRAENDEN/LUMSDEN AGREE THAT PROJECT IS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME AND MAXIMUM 3 YEARS. DALE  
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